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MEDIA ADVISORY **ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANTS**

With the winter forecast of 6+ inches of snow for the Milwaukee area the Milwaukee Fire Department is asking for homeowners to ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT. A fire can double in size every 2-3 minutes. It can be a significant delay in fire operations if an Engine crew needs to search for and clear out a hydrant. The Engine Companies in Milwaukee carry 500 gallons of water that can be exhausted in three minutes. There can be longer delay if the hydrant is found to be frozen or damaged.

The Milwaukee Fire Department is asking citizens to ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT and:

- Ø Take ownership of your ADOPTED HYDRANT.
- Ø Shovel out the hydrant at least 3 feet around and down to the ground and out to the street.
- Ø Contact the Water Department if a hydrant is damaged.
- Ø Do not block hydrants with autos, trailers or dumpsters.
- Ø Check your home smoke detectors.

The Milwaukee Fire Department is committed to reducing fire loss and eliminating the fire fatalities in our community.

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